

SHELTON CHRONICLE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have spoken often about Shelton State, our college, taking its place among the top two-year colleges in the nation. One way to judge our standing is the recognition received by our students, faculty, and staff.

Our students continue to receive regional and national recognition for their accomplishments. Most recently Kevin Windham and Meredith Mettee were named to the USA TODAY All-American teams. Our faculty members continue to be recognized by organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa and other national certification agencies. Members of our support staff and administration have also been recognized as the best in the state of Alabama and the south.

Your efforts have a tremendous impact on thousands of lives in our community. Thank you for always going the "extra mile" to

make Shelton State an outstanding college and an asset to West Alabama.

Your work really does make a difference.

Tom Umphrey

CONTEST WINNER

The winner in our first issue of the monthly contest, "Where Were You In the 70's?," was Danette Haynes. Ms. Haynes correctly identified "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen as the hit song. Danette won a "space saver" radio/CD player for her home.

We are revising the rules to allow for greater opportunities to win, so watch for the next issue of the *Chronicle*. It may be your chance to be a winner.

SHELTON CELEBRATES HONORS WEEK

Shelton State's traditional celebration of Honors Week in recognition of student achievement will be held May 4 - 8. Special events are scheduled each day of the week with the highlight on Friday evening and the annual Honors Night ceremony.

On Monday, May 4, the dance department will hold a dance workshop at 4:30 p.m. in the atrium. Under the direction of Louise Crofton, the event will be entitled "The Show Must Go On." Also, Shelton's Phi Theta Kappa Chapter will have a pinning ceremony on Monday, and a display of honored students to be on exhibit at the Fredd Campus.

The Shelton State Brass Ensemble will play at 1 p.m. in the atrium area on Tuesday, May 5. That evening the Shelton Singers will have their spring concert at 7 p.m. in the Alabama Power

Foundation Recital Hall on the Martin Campus. On Wednesday, an art exhibit will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the visual arts gallery on the Martin Campus.

Several events are planned for Thursday, May 7. There will be a ceremony honoring student leadership at 12:15 p.m. in Room 261 on the Martin Campus. There will also be a senior dance performance at 7 p.m. in the atrium. The Shelton State Alumni Association will host its Annual Meeting and dinner at 6 p.m. in the theatre complex gallery. The theme for the meeting is "Come to the Cabaret." Tickets are \$11 and include dinner. Reservations must be in by Monday, May 4. For tickets or more information, call 391-2252 or 391-2221.

The annual Honors Night program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Martin Campus. The program will climax with the naming of the 1998 recipient of the Leo Sumner Award, the college's highest honor. A reception featuring the Shelton Jazz Band will be held following the ceremony. For additional information on Honors Night, contact Brenda Ryan, ext. 2255.

FOUNDATION NAMES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

THIRTY-THREE STUDENTS will receive scholarships from the Shelton State Foundation this year. Over \$18,000 in scholarship money was awarded recently by the Foundation Scholarship Committee. The scholarships and their new recipients include:

Alexander Adult Studies: Linda Hayes; Cynthia Lollar.

Wayne Boteler Scholarship: Pamela Blocton.

Compass Bank: J. Elaine Bonner; Jill Stuart.

C. A. Fredd Endowed Scholarship: Michelle Jones; Timothy Smith.

Belinda Hughes Scholarship: Sarah Showalter.

Harold James Technical Scholarship: Sharon Avery; Christine Willis.

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McAbee/Southern Heat Exchanger Scholarship: Mitchell Taylor.

Machine Shop: Frank Maxwell, Jr.; John C. White.

Carla Mathews Scholarship: Kimberly Nalls; Suzanne Walker.

National Association of Women in Construction Scholarship: Margaret Mullins; Karen Worley.

New Options Scholarship: Sadie Hendrix; Tracy Parish.

Presidential Scholarship: Richard Gibbs; William Steele; Brandy Brown; Amanda Collins.

Mabel Harries Spanish Scholarship: Elizabeth Lewis.

Dr. and Mrs. John Todd, III Scholarship: Carman Sellers.

West Alabama Health Council Scholarship: April Averette; Mary Fuller; Shandrilla Gater; Renee Gottlieb; Brandi Hartley; Sandal Kennedy; Erin Nygaard; Kylie Pumphrey; Wanda Rice.

Williams Golf Scholarship: Marc Garniss.

FACES 'N PLACES

* **KIDS' KOLLEGE '98**, an enrichment program for children of all ages, will be held June 22 - July 9 on the Martin Campus. Offered through the Continuing Education Division of the college, the curriculum includes reading, science, algebra, and English enrichment classes along with geometry and algebra readiness, creative writing, speed reading, keyboarding, and basic computer classes. For more information on Kids' Kollege, call 391-2386.

* The college enjoyed having Vestavia-Faucett Elementary School here in April as part of the Adopt-A-School program. The children were entertained with a magical chemistry show, an Easter egg hunt, and the traditional paper airplane contest.

* Grab your top hat and gloves! Life is beautiful for the Shelton State Alumni Association as they plan their Annual Meeting and dinner using the theme, "Come to the Cabaret." On Thursday, May 7, the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the new Theatre Tuscaloosa complex. Tickets are \$11 per person, and all

reservations and money must be in by Monday, May 4. Paul Looney and some cast members from "Cabaret" will be there to entertain guests. Call Ext. 2252 or 2221 for reservations.

* **GET READY TO WELD.** Shelton State's Welding program has been selected "Program of the Month" for May. Watch for more information on Roy Pugh's welding classes and students.

* Carolyn Edwards recently served as chair for the Alabama Week of the Young Child which was held April 19-25. Some of the activities included a parade, Parent Appreciation Day and a Preschool Pep Rally. The pep rally was a particular hit as over 100 children joined in the fun with a picnic and rally in Bowers Park. Some of the activities included a moonwalk, face painting, "Spike Spiller," balloons, clowns, "Big Al," and refreshments.

FROM THE DANCE DEPARTMENT

Over 40 Shelton dance students passed their examinations which were given by the Royal Academy of Dance during the recent spring holidays. Louise Crofton and members of her dance workshop class traveled to several elementary schools in April with an original drama the students created. Entitled "The Show Must Go On," the performance allows the children to explore the process of putting on a dance show. The students, who are in grades 4 - 7, traveled to Englewood, Hale County, and Maxwell Elementary Schools.

The department's annual dance show will be Saturday, May 9, at 4 p.m. in the Shelton gymnasium. The performance will span classical ballet to modern dance. The performance is free and open to the public.

Dance classes will not be offered during the summer. However, students may call 333-3113 during the summer months to register for Fall Semester. Registration for fall classes will be August 22 from 2 - 4 p.m.

ABOUT OUR FORMER STUDENTS

Christy and Terry Guin are like many young couples today. Although they live in Gordo, Alabama, they commute each day to work. Terry works at the Oneita plant in Fayette, and Christy is employed by Southland National Insurance Agency in Tuscaloosa. Before leaving for work each day, the Guins have to take their active 17-month-old toddler, Megan, to day care.

The Guins have another problem they must also overcome each day. Christy and Terry Guin are deaf. Terry speaks in sign language while Christy reads lips. Their daughter, Megan, does not have a hearing problem.

However, Christy's inability to hear has not hampered her in achieving her career goals. Ten years ago she graduated from Shelton State Community College with an associate degree in office administration.

According to Shelton instructor Lyda Black, her teachers at the college worked with Christy in her studies. "She could read lips, and we sat her on the front row of the class. Of course, we had to talk slow enough for her to comprehend what we were saying," Black said.

Christy attended Shelton when the technical programs were housed on the old Fifteenth Street Campus. "The instructors at Shelton were very helpful," Christy said. "I've always liked to do things quickly with my hands. The only problem I ever encountered was that people would sometimes talk too fast for me to read their lips."

"Mrs. Black also helped me find this job at Southland National. I started working at first in the file room. Today I'm a data processor," Christy said.

According to Bob Rust, vice president for Southland National, Christy is a real asset to the company. "We're proud of what she does. She has great skills and a wonderful work ethic. Her hearing problem has not hampered her at all," Rust said.

"Hey," Rust adds, "I tell Shelton all the time to just send me more like her."